

Wainford Rural District

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF
HEALTH

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1940

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AS TO THE

Sanitary Conditions of the Wainford Rural District

DURING THE YEAR 1940.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Council
of the Wainford Rural District.*

Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1940, in the shortened form decreed by War conditions.

STATISTICS.

Area. 44,871 acres.

Inhabited Houses. 1,871.

Population. 6,320.

Rateable Value. £14,334.

Sum raised by a Penny Rate. £66.

Births.	M.	F.	Total.	
Live Legitimate	50	55	} 116	Rate per 1000 population, 18·3.
„ Illegitimate	7	4		
Still Births	2	1	3	Rate per 1000 live and still births, 25·2.

Deaths.

All causes	49	36	85	Rate per 1000, crude, 13·4. corrected, 11·6.
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Infantile Mortality :

Legitimate	1	4	} 7	Rate per 1000 live births, 59·8.
Illegitimate	2	—		
From Cancer	4	4	8	

There were no deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, or puerperal causes. One female died from Diarrhœa, under two years old.

The areal comparability factor is .87.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Ages	0	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	Total	To Hospital
Diphtheria	...									1		1		2	2
Scarlet Fever	...				1				1					2	2
Pneumonia	...	1							1		1	1	2	6	
Whooping Cough		1												1	
Measles			4	9	3	3	18	3	1	3	1			45	2
Puerperal Fever									1	2				3	1
TOTALS		2	4	9	4	3	18	5	3	6	3		2	58	7

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases during the year :

- 1 Non-pulmonary male, aged 41.
- 4 Pulmonary males, aged 39, 42, 40, 63.
- 2 „ females, aged 29, 31.

Deaths: 2 Pulmonary males, aged 56 and 63.

Two of the new cases were removals into the District.

Notification of all infectious disease is satisfactory.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

		M	F			M	F
Tuberculosis	...	2	1	Pneumonia	...	1	—
Syphilis	...	1	—	Other respiratory	...	2	—
Encephalitis	...	1	—	Diarrhoea	...	—	1
Influenza	...	2	1	Other digestive	...	2	1
Cancer	...	4	4	Nephritis	...	3	1
Diabetes	...	1	—	Premature birth	...	—	1
Apoplexy	...	6	4	Congenital causes	...	1	2
Heart disease	...	12	14	Suicide	...	1	—
Other circulatory	...	2	3	Other violence	...	1	—
Bronchitis	...	4	—	Other causes	...	3	3

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Housing.

Two houses previously condemned were re-visited and demolition confirmed. Permission to replace by building seems to be necessary as there is a real shortage in the district.

Water.

Samples from the three public supplies have proved satisfactory. These are not being chlorinated as a routine.

Scavenging.

A refuse dump for Holton was established in Wenhaston with the concurrence of the Medical Officer of Health, Blyth, and is working satisfactorily.

Overcrowding.

One case in a house, also morally undesirable, was dealt with by the help of the N.S.P.C.C., and the military, and resulted in the removal of the occupants.

A. R. P.

Two satisfactory mortuaries were established at Sotterley and St. Lawrence.

Evacuees were medically examined on arrival with the help of other Medical Officers and County Medical Officer of Health, and proceeded smoothly. About 20 per cent. were sent to hospital prior to billeting.

H. PEDLER,

Medical Officer of Health.

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SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the following report for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

Inspections of the district have been carried out periodically, and complaints of nuisances received have had immediate attention. Only one statutory notice was received during this period.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION.

No new houses have been erected by the Council owing to the suspension of building due to the present emergency, but application to the Ministry of Health has been made for permission to build to replace very urgent needs of the agricultural population. One new house has been erected by private enterprise.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Cowsheds and dairies in the district are gradually being improved, and farmers are more interested in the production of milk than was the case in former years. Many cowsheds have been altered to comply with the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926. One new cowshed has been erected.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

All cases of infectious disease have been visited and the disinfection of premises and effects carried out.

WATER SUPPLIES.

No new water supplies have been provided by the Council, but several wells have been sunk by private enterprise. Sampling of water has been carried out where complaints have been received.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. W. ELLIS,
Sanitary Inspector.

